Appendix G: Airport Classification Roles

The *Virginia Air Transportation System Plan* identifies five state classifications of airports based in part on function and primary economic role. The service role and recommend facility attributes from *VATSP* are summarized below. Additional information on airport classification roles is available in *VATSP*.

Commercial Service (also referred to as Air Carrier)	provides scheduled commuter and/or air carrier service to surrounding communities; with recommended facility attributes of a 5,500 X 150 runway, parallel taxiway, and precision approach
Reliever	provides alternative general aviation facilities to reduce congestion at commercial service airports by providing comparable landside and airside facilities, often being multijurisdictional due to geographical isolation or the relative scarcity of other airport services and facilities; with recommended facility attributes of a 5,500 X 100 runway, parallel taxiway, and precision approach
General Aviation – Regional	provides a full range of aviation facilities and services to businesses and recreational users in a broad market area with service areas; with recommended facility attributes of a 5,500 X 100 runway and non-precision approach
General Aviation – Community	provides aviation facilities and services to business and recreational users, typically serving a limited market area; with recommended facility attributes of a 3,100 X 75 runway and non-precision approach
General Aviation – Local	provides limited facilities to its respective community, as typically development is constrained by airspace conflicts, environmental concerns, topography, competing services, and surrounding land use patterns; with recommended facility attributes of a 3,000 X 50 runway and visual approach

FAA's *National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems* (*NPIAS*) identifies airports that are significant to national air transportation. The plan utilizes four basic airport service levels.

Commercial Service - Primary	provides scheduled passenger service (more than 10,000 annual enplanements)
Commercial Service – Non-primary	provides scheduled passenger service (2,500 to 10,000 annual enplanements) and general aviation service
Reliever Airport	provides attractive alternative to using congested commercial service airports and provides general aviation access to the surrounding area
General Aviation Airport	provides general aviation services while maintaining a minimum number of based aircraft and being located at least 20 miles from the nearest NPIAS airport

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The following listing provides the *VATSP* and *NPIAS* roles for airports in Virginia.

Airports	*VATSP* Service Role	*NPIAS* Role
Accomack County	General Aviation - Regional	General Aviation
Allen C. Perkinson Municipal	General Aviation - Community	non-NPIAS
Blue Ridge	General Aviation - Regional	General Aviation
Bridgewater Air Park	General Aviation - Local	non-NPIAS
Brookneal-Campbell County	General Aviation - Community	General Aviation
Charlottesville-Albemarle	Air Carrier	Commercial Service - Primary
Chase City Municipal	General Aviation - Local	non-NPIAS
Chesapeake Regional	Reliever	General Aviation
Chesterfield County	Reliever	Reliever
Crewe Municipal	General Aviation - Local	non-NPIAS
Culpeper Regional	General Aviation - Regional	General Aviation
Danville Regional	General Aviation - Regional	General Aviation
Dinwiddie County	General Aviation - Regional	General Aviation
Eagles Nest	General Aviation - Local	non-NPIAS
Emporia-Greensville Regional	General Aviation - Regional	General Aviation
Falwell	General Aviation - Local	non-NPIAS
Farmville Municipal	General Aviation - Regional	General Aviation
Franklin Municipal	General Aviation - Community	General Aviation
Front Royal-Warren County	General Aviation - Community	General Aviation
Gordonsville Municipal	General Aviation - Local	non-NPIAS
Grundy Municipal	General Aviation - Local	General Aviation
Hampton Roads Executive	Reliever	Reliever
Hanover County Municipal	Reliever	General Aviation
Hummel Field	General Aviation - Local	non-NPIAS
Ingalls Field	General Aviation - Regional	General Aviation
Lake Anna	General Aviation - Local	non-NPIAS
Lawrenceville-Brunswick	General Aviation - Local	non-NPIAS
Lee County	General Aviation - Community	General Aviation
Leesburg Executive	Reliever	Reliever
Lonesome Pine	General Aviation - Regional	General Aviation
Louisa County	General Aviation - Community	General Aviation
Lunenburg County	General Aviation - Local	non-NPIAS
Luray Caverns	General Aviation - Community	General Aviation
Lynchburg Regional	Air Carrier	Commercial Service - Primary
Manassas Regional	Reliever	Reliever
Marks Municipal	General Aviation - Community	non-NPIAS
Mecklenburg-Brunswick Regional	General Aviation - Regional	General Aviation
Middle Peninsula Regional	General Aviation - Regional	General Aviation
Mountain Empire	General Aviation - Regional	General Aviation
New Kent County	General Aviation - Community	General Aviation
New London	General Aviation - Local	non-NPIAS
New Market	General Aviation - Local	non-NPIAS
New River Valley	General Aviation - Regional	General Aviation
Newport News-Williamsburg International	Air Carrier	Commercial Service - Primary
Norfolk International	Air Carrier	Commercial Service - Primary
Orange County	General Aviation - Community	General Aviation
Richmond International	Air Carrier	Commercial Service - Primary
Roanoke Regional	Air Carrier	Commercial Service - Primary
Shannon	General Aviation - Community	non-NPIAS
Shenandoah Valley Regional	Air Carrier	Commercial Service - Non-Primary
Smith Mountain Lake	General Aviation - Local	non-NPIAS

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Airports	*VATSP* Service Role	*NPIAS* Role
Stafford Regional	Reliever	Reliever
Suffolk Municipal	General Aviation - Regional	General Aviation
Tangier Island	General Aviation - Community	General Aviation
Tappahannock-Essex County	General Aviation - Community	General Aviation
Tazewell County	General Aviation - Regional	General Aviation
Twin County	General Aviation - Community	General Aviation
Virginia Highlands	General Aviation - Regional	General Aviation
Virginia Tech-Montgomery	General Aviation - Community	General Aviation
Wakefield Municipal	General Aviation - Community	non-NPIAS
Warrenton-Fauquier	Reliever	Reliever
Washington Dulles	Air Carrier	Commercial Service - Primary
Washington National (Ronald Regan)	Air Carrier	Commercial Service - Primary
William M. Tuck	General Aviation - Regional	General Aviation
Williamsburg-Jamestown	General Aviation - Community	non-NPIAS
Winchester Regional	General Aviation - Regional	General Aviation

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